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In re Appln. of:	Ganata Hibata et al.	
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CORRECTIVE FORM PTO-1449
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit a corrective Form PTO-1449 (one sheet) to correct typographical errors noted on two previously submitted Form PTO-1449 documents.

Specifically, errors were noted in connection with the Form PTO-1449 documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) of April 24, 2006 and November 4, 2008.

- 1) In connection with the IDS submitted on April 24, 2006, for Cite No. A14, Foreign Publication Document 03-044060, the PTO-1449 form inadvertently recited the publication date as “25.02.1991” and the applicant as “OKI Electric Ind. Co. Ltd. The correct publication date should have been listed as “04.24.1991”. A copy of the correct Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Publication accompanied the IDS and was reviewed by the examiner, which is clearly indicated by the examiner’s express reference to the figures of the reference in the Office Action mailed April 14, 2010. The translated abstract accompanying the IDS did not correspond to the Laid-Open Utility Model Publication. No English language abstract is available for this reference. On September 17, 2010, this error was discussed with Examiner Edell.

Examiner Edell understood the confusion and stated that he would confirm the same by looking at the reference again and would be issuing a supplemental notice of allowance and a cited references sheet correctly reflecting the reference.

2) In connection with the IDS submitted on November 4, 2008, for Cite No. A14, Foreign Publication Document FR 2 650 234, the PTO-1449 form inadvertently recited the publication date as "7/27/90". The correct publication date is "February 1, 1991." Also in connection with that same IDS, for Cite No. A16, Foreign Publication Document EP 0 315 955, the PTO-1449 form inadvertently recited the publication date as "11/8/88". The correct publication date is "August 16, 1990."

Since copies of the proper references were provided in connection with the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, no copies of references are believed necessary herewith.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes prior art or is otherwise "material to the patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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